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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	09/963,347	BAZAN ET AL.
	Examiner	Art Unit
	Olga N. Chernyshev	1649

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 14 March 2006.

2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 21 and 33 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 21 and 33 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Status of the claims and Response to Remarks

1. Claims 21 and 33 are pending in the instant application. Claims 21 and 33 are under examination in the instant office action.
2. The Text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.
3. Any objection or rejection of record, which is not expressly repeated in this action has been overcome by Applicant's response and withdrawn.
4. Applicant's arguments filed on March 13, 2006 have been fully considered but they are not deemed to be persuasive for the reasons set forth below.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

5. Claims 21 and 33 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Sims et al. (US Patent 6, 555, 520, April 29, 2003, filed May 9, 2001) for those reasons of record in appropriate sections of previous communications of record.

Briefly, claim 21 is directed to an isolated polypeptide encoded by a nucleic acid of SEQ ID NO: 3 and claim 33 is directed to an isolated polypeptide encoded by a nucleic acid of SEQ ID NO: 1 (“IL-B50” polypeptides). Sims et al. document discloses polynucleotide sequences that have 100% identity to the instant SEQ ID NO: 1 and 3, thus fully anticipating the instant claims 21 and 33. Because the specific, substantial and credible utility of the instant IL-B50 polypeptides is only disclosed in the instant application, the effective filing date for the instant

invention is determined as the filing date of the instant application (09/25/2001), which makes patent of Sims et al. a proper 102(e) reference.

At pages 3-4 of the Response, Applicant traverses the rejection presenting essentially the same set of arguments as in the previous responses of record (see Applicant's reply submitted on December 02, 2004, pp.10-11 and reply of March 08, 2004, pp.8-9). Applicant's arguments have been fully considered but are not persuasive for those reasons of record as fully explained in the earlier communications from the office.

Briefly, provisional application 60/101,318 ('318 application) was carefully examined; however, there appears to be no specific and substantial credible utility disclosed for the claimed IL-B50 within the text of the specification as asserted by Applicant. For detailed analysis, see section 8 of Paper mailed on August 02, 2004 and section 7 of Paper mailed on February 04, 2005. Thus, the instant rejection is maintained.

Conclusion

6. No claim is allowed.
7. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37

CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Olga N. Chernyshev whose telephone number is (571) 272-0870. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Janet L. Andres can be reached on (571) 272-0867. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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